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For : EXPANDABLE RESIN BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED,
STRAIGHT-CHAIN, AND LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE,
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, PRE-
EXPANDED BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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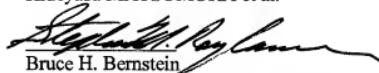
Sir:

Please extend the time for response to the Official Action dated March 21, 2008 by one month from June 23, 2008 (June 21, 2008 falling on a Saturday) to and including July 21, 2008. The fee for a one-month extension of time is being paid concurrently herewith.

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